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#### PATTON APPOINTS NEW KLEC MEMBERS

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RICHMOND – Gov. Paul Patton has appointed three new members to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, an independent, 20-member body that governs training for all of the state's law enforcement.

Additions to the council are Georgetown Police Chief Alonzo Bernard Palmer, who will represent police chiefs on the council and replace Jamestown Police Chief Joseph K. Hoover; Pikeville Police Chief James G. Justice, who will represent police chiefs and fills the vacancy left by former Springfield Police Chief Larry A. Tousignant; and Glasgow Mayor Darrell Pickett, who will represent mayors on KLEC and fills the seat of former Paintsville mayor Robin Cooper.

Patton announced the appointments Monday.

Palmer and Justice occupy two of the five slots for police chiefs on the council. Pickett fills the one KLEC seat open for either a mayor or city manager.

They are among 11 appointed members who fill specific slots. The others are for three sheriffs, one Kentucky Bar Association member and one Kentucky citizen. Appointed members serve in four-year terms.

Eight of the council's 20 members are part of the board by virtue of their offices. They are the state attorney general, the Kentucky State Police commissioner, director of the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville, the dean of the College of Justice and Safety at Eastern Kentucky University, and the presidents of the Kentucky Peace Officers' Association, Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association and the Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police.

The Kentucky special agent in charge at the FBI's Louisville field office also is a council member, but in an advisory capacity only.

The KLEC is charged with certifying law enforcement training schools, training instructors and curriculum in Kentucky, as well as administering the Peace Officer Professional Standards (POPS) certification process and monitoring the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF).

**Alonzo Bernard Palmer**, 39, is a member of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the Georgetown/Scott County Chamber of Commerce. He is a Scott County High graduate.

**James G. Justice**, 53, is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates and is on the board of directors for the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. He graduated from Mullins High School. He studied criminal justice at Eastern Kentucky University and business at the Kentucky College of Business.

**Darrell G. Pickett**, 52, was elected to his first political office in November 2002 and assumed his duties as Glasgow mayor in January. Prior to that he served 30 years with the Glasgow Police Department, retiring at the rank of colonel. He had been the city's police chief for seven years. He is a member of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He served with the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion, 623<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery of the Army National Guard. He graduated from the Eastern Kentucky University College of Law Enforcement (now the College of Justice and Safety) and the Program of Alternate Studies at Bethel College in McKenzie, Tenn.

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